

13th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform

We are proud of the vast majority of students at Acle who are well presented and wear their uniform with pride. However, we have noticed that a number of students are falling short of the minimum expectations for our school uniform.

Many of these infringements are low level, such as tucking in shirts and putting blazers on, and we have been focussing on raising these standards early this term. I am writing to inform you that we will be reinforcing our uniform expectations over the next half term.

Over the next two weeks we will be addressing some of the pressing uniform concerns in assemblies to ensure all students fully understand the school's expectations. We are reinforcing this now in order for families to have time to replace inappropriate uniform items as we have two weeks of the term left, plus half term. From the start of November, we will be fully enforcing the school uniform policy and following the behaviour policy for sanctions for those who do not adhere to the school's expectations.

A recurring issue in school is Jewellery – with students wearing too much. The school policy allows one pair of small stud earrings worn in the centre of each earlobe. Students may wear a watch **but other jewellery is not allowed.** Jewellery has always been prohibited within school on health and safety grounds. Jewellery will be confiscated and held in the office, where it will need to be collected by a Parent/Carer at the end of a school day.

Some of the other major concerns relate to the use of **Trainers** or 'trainer style' shoes instead of actual shoes. The school policy states shoes must be black hard soled shoes – and there are pictures on the website and parent handbook of what is not deemed acceptable. From November the use of trainers or trainer style shoes will not be permitted.

Trousers/Skirts: We have seen the growth of an issue around trousers, especially from girls where they have moved towards legging style trousers. Trousers should be tailored and straight cut / tapered style and worn to or beyond the ankle, avoiding lycra or jersey material trousers which may be tailored to a skinny fit style.

Skirts are required to be an appropriate length, worn above the knee, and while we allow a degree of flexibility due to height, skirts must cover lower thighs. From November we will expect all skirts to follow this rule, with the potential of girls losing the right to wear skirts, and be directed to wear trousers if they cannot follow the rule in line with our policy.

We will notify individual pupils and parents around uniform issues via ClassCharts in the coming two weeks – with the expectation of full uniform compliance from 3rd November. If you are unsure of whether items are acceptable, we invite you to contact your child's Head of Year to ask.

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Contact details for Heads of Year are listed below, along with links to our uniform policy and website guidance on uniform expectations.

Head of Year 7 - Mrs Kinnarney - skinnarney@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 8 - Mrs Perkins - cperkins@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 9 - Mr Chapman - rchapman@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 10 - Miss Granger - cgranger@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 11 - Ms John - ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/parents-and-carers/uniform>

For students who qualify for pupil premium, we may be able to provide additional support.

I would like to reiterate we are not changing the school uniform with these measures, purely putting steps in place to enforce the current rules.

If you have any concerns or questions around acceptable uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance. We appreciate there may be challenges for some and we will work with you to ensure we are able to get this right for all.

We appreciate there are occasional needs to relax uniform rules for medical purposes and will support this where there is evidence of a need. We may request a note from a doctor to support these requests, which will be treated on a case by case basis.

Yours sincerely



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